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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 9, 2005. With this Amendment, claims 1-21 are canceled. Claims 22, 24 and 25 are amended. New claim 26 is added. Claims 22-26 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

In section 2 of the Office Action, FIGS. 1-3 and 4a-4b were objected to. The stated basis of the objection was that the Office prefers using --Prior Art--, instead of "Background". Replacement sheets were required. In response to the objection, replacement sheets containing these FIGS. are submitted as attachments to this Amendment, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). It is important to note that no assertion was made in the Application, or is currently made with this Amendment, as to the prior art status of FIGS. 1-3 and 4a-4b. These FIGS. were described in the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION section of the application for purposes of aiding in the understanding of at least certain inventive concepts or aspects. Therefore, in the attached replacement sheets, the label "Background" has been deleted to comply with the requirements of the Office Action, but these FIGS. have not been labeled as "Prior Art." It is therefore respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings in section 2 of the Office Action be withdrawn.

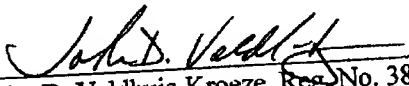
In section 4 of the Office Action, claims 24 and 25 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The statement of allowable subject matter is appreciated. With this Amendment, claim 24 is amended to include the limitations of its original base claim and intervening claims, and should therefore be allowable along with dependent claim 25. Additionally, claim 22 is amended such that claims 22 and 23 now depend from allowable base claim 24 as well. Further, new claim 26 is added which depends from allowable base claim 24. Since claims 22, 23 and 26 all depend from allowable claim 24, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance for this reason. Each of these claims is also believed to contain additional allowable subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that all of pending claims 22-26 are in condition for allowance. Withdraw of the objection and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

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The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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